

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is responsive to Applicant's reply filed on February 16, 2010. Claims 1, 5-11, 15-21, 25, 26 and 30 are pending.

Response to Amendment

2. The objection to claims 1, 11, 21 and 26 has been withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment.

3. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15-22, 25-27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claims has been withdrawn as noted above.

Examiner's Amendment

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Roe (Reg. No. 55,785) on May 20, 2010.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 15, 25 and 30 as follows:

5. (Currently Amended)

at line 1, please replace "Claim 2" with --Claim 1--.

15. (Currently Amended)

at line 1, please replace "Claim 12" with --Claim 11--.

25. (Currently Amended)

at line 1, please replace "Claim 22" with --Claim 21--.

30. (Currently Amended)

at line 1, please replace "Claim 27" with --Claim 26--.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1, 5-11, 15-21, 25, 26 and 30 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

For the reasons described in Applicant's arguments, the prior art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest the subject matter recited in independent claims 1, 11, 21 and 26 (see Applicant's remarks, pages 14-16).

8. Any comments that Applicant considers necessary must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Yigdall whose telephone number is (571) 272-3707. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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